

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Barbarous Spectacle at Havana This Morning. PUBLIC GARROTTING OF FIVE CUBANS They Were Tortured to Death by Nervous Executions.

SCENES OF UTMOST HORROR

HAVANA, March 31.—Never in modern times has there been a more sickening spectacle than that which today attended the public execution of five Cubans. The man had been condemned to death by the garrote as "murderer, violator and incendiary." Troops were drawn up in hollow square, and in the middle were placed the chair and post.

MATABELES GETTING TOGETHER.

The British to Send Reinforcements Against the Natives. LONDON, March 31.—The secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, read a dispatch from the governor of Cape Colony, Sir Hercules Robinson, in the house of commons today.

NATIONAL FINANCES.

The Deficit for the Past Nine Months Over \$18,000,000. The forthcoming monthly treasury statement will show receipts during the month of March, \$13,344,215, including revenue, \$11,526,264; miscellaneous, \$1,817,951.

FRENCH DOCK YARDS BUSY.

Signs of Preparation for Grave Events. Toulon, March 31.—There are signs at the dock yards and arsenals of preparation for grave events. Orders have been received to prepare a number of war ships for active service, stores and ammunition are being overhauled and sent on board the vessels to be prepared for commission, and all naval officers on furlough have been ordered to return to their posts immediately.

LIKELY TO BE TROUBLE.

Gov. Hughes of Arizona Will Not Give Phoenix, Arizona, March 31.—News of the selection of B. J. Franklin to be governor of Arizona was received in this city with the greatest enthusiasm. There is likely to be serious trouble at the governor's office. Secretary of State Bruce has received a telegram from Washington advising him of the removal of Hughes, up to the Arizona Hotel, Newspaper men in proposals today to occupy the executive offices. Relying on tenure of office act, Governor Hughes will refuse to surrender the office until his successor is confirmed by the Senate.

CRISP-SMITH DEBATE.

They Will Begin Tonight at Augusta, Ga. AUGUSTA, Ga., March 31.—Crowds are pouring into Augusta today to witness the opening debate of the series of joint discussions on the financial question between ex-Senator Crisp and ex-Secretary of the Interior Smith. The largest hall in the city the Grand Opera House, holds only 2,000 people. The indications are that many more will be turned away. The speakers are both here, holding informal receptions at the Arlington Hotel. The contest will be from all over the state here. Mr. Crisp opens and closes the debate. The ex-Secretary of the Interior are in good health and spirits.

Cutter Silk Manufacturing Company Assigns.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., March 31.—The Cutter Silk Manufacturing Company of West Bethlehem made an assignment today to ex-Postmaster John Field of Philadelphia. The failure is a heavy one, as the company is capitalized at \$300,000, and has, in addition, a bonded indebtedness of \$100,000.

Manitoba Objects to Being Forced.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 31.—Dispatches to the government from Winnipeg are to the effect that Manitoba is willing to grant in effect all that is wanted in the school law. The strict letter of the law, an understanding can soon be reached.

Prefers the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, March 31.—The Columbus, Ga., Enquirer-Sun, one of the oldest morning papers in the south, has abandoned the Associated Press and will hereafter use the latter wire report of the Associated Press. The latter now embraces in its membership the majority of the Georgia papers which take a news report.

The House Military Committee.

Gen. Felix Agnus of Baltimore today spoke to the House committee on military affairs in behalf of a bill introduced by Mr. McCall of Massachusetts for the presentation of medals to the survivors of the fort Mifflin hope storming party against the works at Fort Hudson, La., on June 5, 1863. The committee voted to favorably report a bill introduced by Mr. Lacey of Iowa to correct the muster roll of company I, seventh Iowa volunteers, to show that the company was enrolled on July 15, 1861.

CHARGED WITH LIBEL

Correspondent Rule Arrested on Complaint of Representative Bartlett. An Incident of the Gibson-Sulzer Debate Leads to the Publication Which is Objected To. Representative Franklin Bartlett of New York appeared in the office of the clerk of the Police Court this morning and swore out a warrant against James F. Rule, the Washington correspondent of the Knoxville, Tenn., Journal, charging him with criminal libel.

WOMEN WERE ALL BOARDERS

Curious Testimony by the Different Inmates. THE LAWYERS ARGUE UNDER THE WHEELS. Reckless Bicycle Riding Causes Frank Stewart's Death.

While Speeding He Collided With an Erection Car and Was Run Over. The defendant is a young and rather good-looking woman, and has been well known among a certain class of people for some years past. Her house was located at 1370 Ohio avenue.

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IN THE DIVISION

Grace Ferguson on Trial in the Police Court. own personal knowledge" that anything out of the way goes on in the house, but he said that in his opinion decent women would not be living in that neighborhood, and that any visible mess of supper, or Mr. Mulwony then called to the stand policeman Williams of the first precinct, and asked him to testify to his own personal knowledge, what was the nature of this particular house but Williams was unable to say very definitely, for he admitted that he was largely a guess, and that rumor and presumption. The district attorney was evidently finding it no easy matter to get absolute proof against the house or the defendant.

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The war on the "Division" was continued in the Police Court today, when the case against Grace Ferguson was called. She was arrested at the same time that the house of Willie Gilmore was raided. The Gilmore woman has been sentenced to twenty days in jail and to pay a fine of \$50. She is in the "Division" and is presently in at Providence Hospital. When she is physically able to leave she will be given her jail sentence.

UNDER THE WHEELS

Reckless Bicycle Riding Causes Frank Stewart's Death. While riding a bicycle about 6 o'clock last evening Frank Stewart, a lad fourteen years old, who resided at 1022 7th street north-west, collided with car No. 71 of the Metropolitan Street Railway at the corner of 6th and G streets north-west, and received injuries of such a serious nature that death resulted at the Emergency Hospital shortly before 2 o'clock this morning.

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FINANCE AND TRADE

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Earnings, crop conditions and the usual incentives to improvement are not wholly lacking in sympathy with this view of the situation, notwithstanding a disposition in some quarters, which is practically equivalent to a cessation of business from Thursday until Monday, coupled with London's usual Easter recess, may encourage some profit-taking which will temporarily in part reduce present prices. An advance within 1-4 per cent. in exchange to a point above the level of the recognized shipping point is an incident likely to have an unfavorable influence, particularly abroad.

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The Granger shares, particularly Burlington and Rock Island, were in good demand at substantial gains over first prices, the important improvement in earnings. An advance of 1 per cent. in Wabash preferred was accompanied by rumors of prospective dividend payment. The railroad excellent foundation exists. The railroad would respond easily to an improved demand for the stock, the no stocks passing for sale to monetary influences, ultimately being dependent upon to yield handsome returns.

Tomorrow's meeting of the directors should supply additional incentive to acquire in this property. Dividend rumors applicable to the Burlington and Rock Island were credited with inspiring a good demand for these securities. In the case of the Burlington a comfortable surplus would remain after a comfortable dividend, and no objection exists, unless it be a legal character, to prevent an early return of the trading during the business year.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

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DISTRICT AFFAIRS

Commissioners' Omnibus Bill for Street Railroad Extensions. MORE ROADS TO THE ZOO To Attack the Smoke Nuisance in the City.



Perhaps the most important bill that has been recommended by the Commissioners was sent to Congress today, with the recommendation of the Commissioners that the same be passed. It is a bill embodying the important features of three pending bills, and it passed in its entirety.

Three railroads have been seeking, through special legislation, to obtain charters permitting them to run out to the Zoo, and several hearings have been given the advocates of them by the Commissioners. The fight for this section has been hot one and the Commissioners were confronted by a puzzling proposition.

Today Major Powell wrote the report, which was unanimously approved. It gives each of the contending roads a chance to reach the Zoo. The report of the Commissioners upon the bill states that a map of the District has been prepared embodying the adopted and proposed highway extensions, and showing, by distinctive colors, the routes of street railroads already chartered and those chartered but not built.

The general idea, says the report, "is to extend the present railroads in selecting the routes of street railroads already chartered new companies, to make present extensions with a view to future ones, and except where there are stronger reasons for the contrary, to reserve the right of railroads in its own field or territory."

For accommodation of visitors to the Zoological Park extensions are recommended by the Capital Traction Company's line on 11th street, and the Brightwood railroad on a route south of Kenyon street, and the Metropolitan Street Railway on 18th street, and the Metropolitan Street Railway on 18th street, and the Metropolitan Street Railway on 18th street.

It is believed that additional limitations to those now secured by law should be placed upon the use of the overhead trolley for the purpose of carrying street cars, and where the extended routes are laid upon new streets or where the rights of way have not yet been obtained, the street car companies should be required to secure the rights of way for at least 30 feet in width for double tracks and 20 feet in width for single tracks and dedicate them to the District.

An effort will shortly be made by the Commissioners to effect some regulations which will do away with the smoke nuisance. For some time past the attention of the Commissioners has been directed toward this matter, and it has been found that the nuisance is increasing every year. From the District building they have scanned the city from all sections and noted the lazy clouds of smoke curl upward from the power houses of the railroads using rapid transit on the largest and densest volumes, while several hotels send up big black clouds.

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